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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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☐ This application has been examined ☐ Responsive to communication filed on _____ ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), 0 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

- ☐ Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
- ☐ Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
- ☐ Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
- ☐ _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

- ☐ Claims _____ are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claims _____ have been cancelled.
- ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.
- ☐ Claims _____ are rejected.
- ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.
- ☒ Claims 54-186 are subject to restriction or election requirement.
- ☐ This application has been filed with Informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
- ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
- ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).
- ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).
- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.
- ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
- ☐ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

1. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

2. The numbering of claims is not accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.126. The original numbering of the claims must be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When claims are added, except when presented in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), they must be renumbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not). There are two independent claims numbered 54; one from pre-amendment A filed 3-21-94 (paper # 4), and one from pre-amendment B filed 5-13-94 (paper #6).

Claims 54-185 (from pre-amendment B paper #6 and pre-amendment C paper #7) have been renumbered to 55-186, respectively.

Election/Restriction

3. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I. claims 55-86 drawn to a teleconferencing network connection and AV switches, classified in class 364 subclass 514c.

Group II. claims 87-105,185 drawn to mosaic generator and display control, classified in class 345 subclass 115.

Group III. claim 106-109 drawn to conference session establishing classified in class 395 subclass 200.12

Group IV. claims 110-118 drawn to locate and identify participant and stations, classified in class 395 subclass 200.16

Group V. claims 119-123 drawn to separate display for conferencing, classified in class 345 subclass 1.

Group VI. claims 124-131, drawn to user interface for managing teleconference, classified in class 395 subclass 155.

Group VII. claims 132-144, 146-156, drawn to management of teleconference call and disconnect, classified in class 395 subclass 200.04

Group VIII. claims 54, 145, 157-184, drawn to multimedia mail managing, editing system, classified in class 395 subclass 154.

Group IX. claim 186, images and audio synchronizing method, classified in class 395 subclass 154

4. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

a. these inventions have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification

b. the search required for one Group is not required for the other Groups

For the reasons above restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Dinh whose telephone number is (703) 305-9655. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Lee can be reached at (703) 305-9717. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 305-9564 or (703) 305-9565.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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